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CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

November 20, 2014

7:30 p.m.

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PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

- DEMETRIUS E. CARNEY, President
- GHIAN FOREMAN, Vice President
- MELISSA BALLATE
- WILLIAM CONLON
- MICHAEL EADDY
- RITA FRY
- SUSAN McKEEVER
- ELISA RODRIGUEZ
- RHODA SWEENEY

ALSO PRESENT:

- SCOTT ANDO, Chief Administrator
Independent Police Review Authority
- RALPH PRICE, General Counsel
to the Superintendent
- ALFONZA WYSINGER, First Deputy Superintendent
of Police
- MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director
Chicago Police Board

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Calling the meeting of
2 November 20, 2014, Police Board meeting to order.

3 The first item of business is approval
4 of the minutes of the Board's meeting on October 16. Is
5 there a motion?

6 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

7 MR. CONLON: Second.

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

9 (A chorus of ayes)

10 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The motion passes.

11 Our next regular meeting will be held
12 here at 35th and Michigan, but there is a change. Our
13 meetings -- usually we meet on the third Thursday of
14 every month. Because of the holiday, we are going to
15 meet on the second Thursday, December 11, and we will be
16 here at 6:30 as opposed to 7:30. So please note that.
17 But also check our website, and it will be on there as
18 well.

19 At this time I will ask for a motion to
20 close a series of executive sessions for the purposes of
21 considering litigation and personnel matters as
22 authorized by the Open Meetings Act. Is there a motion?

23 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

24 MS. BALLATE: Second.

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

2 (A chorus of ayes)

3 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The motion passes.

4 A report of disciplinary actions taken
5 by the Board during the previous month has been made
6 available at this evening's meeting. This report and
7 the Board's written findings and decisions are posted on
8 the Board's website.

9 Next, as required by the -- the Police
10 Board, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, has
11 considered in a closed meeting several disciplinary
12 cases. The Board will now take final action on these
13 cases in its open meeting right here this evening.

14 Regarding Police Board No. 14 PB 2863,
15 is there a motion to find Police Officer Tonacia Granado
16 guilty of being intoxicated while off duty and to
17 reprimand her for her conduct? Is there a motion?

18 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

19 MR. EADDY: Second.

20 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

21 (A chorus of ayes)

22 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? We've got two
23 opposed. Voting in favor are Board members Foreman,
24 Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself.

1 Conlon, Eaddy, McKeever, Sweeney and myself. Opposed is
2 Board member Rodriguez. The motion passes.

3 Is there a motion to adopt the written
4 findings and decision and dissent that have been
5 reviewed by all Board members who participated in the
6 case?

7 MR. CONLON: So moved.

8 MR. EADDY: Second.

9 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

10 (A show of hands)

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? The motion
12 passes by a vote of six in favor, zero opposed.

13 Regarding Case No. 14 SR, suspension
14 review, 2329, is there a motion to sustain the
15 allegations against Police Officer Richard Rizzo for
16 insubordination, inattention to duty and leaving his
17 assignment without permission and to sustain a 15-day
18 suspension ordered by the Superintendent?

19 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

20 MR. EADDY: Second.

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

22 (A chorus of ayes)

23 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed?

24 Voting in favor are Board members

1 Foreman, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever,
2 Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes.

3 Is there a motion to adopt the written
4 findings and decisions that have been reviewed by all
5 Board members who participated in the case?

6 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

7 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

9 (A chorus of ayes)

10 PRESIDENT CARNEY: There are none opposed.
11 The motion passes by unanimous consent.

12 Regarding Case No. 14 SR 2332, is there
13 a motion to sustain the allegations against Police
14 Officer Vladan Milenkovic that he engaged in verbal
15 abuse and failed to complete a contact card for the stop
16 of a civilian and to reduce the 7-day suspension to 14
17 days?

18 MS. BALLATE: Four days.

19 PRESIDENT CARNEY: I'm sorry, to reduce the
20 7-day suspension to 4 days. Thank you for correcting me
21 on that. Once again, is there a motion?

22 MS. FRY: So moved.

23 MR. EADDY: Second.

24 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

1 (A chorus of ayes)

2 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? We have
3 opposed?

4 (A show of hands)

5 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Voting in favor are Board
6 members Foreman, Eaddy, Fry and Sweeney. Opposed are
7 Board members Ballate, Conlon and Rodriguez. The motion
8 passes.

9 Is there a motion to adopt the written
10 findings and decision that have been reviewed by all
11 Board members who participated in the case?

12 MS. FRY: So moved.

13 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

15 (A chorus of ayes)

16 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? None opposed.
17 The motion passes by a vote of seven in favor, none
18 opposed.

19 Regarding the Case No. 14 SR 2333, is
20 there a motion to sustain the allegations against Police
21 Officer Jytonne Tate for insubordination and to reduce
22 the 10-day suspension to 3 days?

23 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

24 MR. EADDY: Second.

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

2 (A chorus of ayes)

3 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? Voting in
4 favor are Board members Foreman, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy,
5 Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The
6 motion passes.

7 Is there a motion to adopt the written
8 findings and decision that have been reviewed by all
9 Board members who participated in the case?

10 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

11 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

12 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

13 (A chorus of ayes)

14 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? The motion
15 passes by unanimous vote.

16 Regarding Case No. 14 SR 2334, is there
17 a motion to sustain the allegations against Police
18 Officer Shelly Beard for failing to properly secure her
19 weapon and reduce the 10-day suspension to one day?

20 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

21 MR. EADDY: Second.

22 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

23 (A chorus of ayes)

24 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? Voting in

1 favor are Board members Foreman, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy,
2 Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The
3 motion passes.

4 Is there a motion to adopt the written
5 findings and decisions that have been reviewed by all
6 Board members who participated in the case?

7 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

8 MS. BALLATE: Second.

9 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

10 (A chorus of ayes)

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The motion passes by
12 unanimous vote.

13 Regarding Case No. Police Board 2861,
14 the Superintendent filed charges to suspend Police
15 Officer Kevin Wyman for 45 days for hindering an
16 investigation of his off-duty traffic crash. The
17 Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw the
18 charges because the parties entered into a settlement
19 agreement. Is there a motion to grant the
20 Superintendent's motion to withdraw the charges?

21 MR. EADDY: So moved.

22 MS. BALLATE: Second.

23 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

24 (A chorus of ayes)

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? Voting in
2 favor are Board members Foreman, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy,
3 Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The
4 motion passes.

5 The Board's decisions in all the cases
6 in which the Board took final action this evening will
7 be entered as of today's date and will be issued to all
8 the parties. A copy of the written decisions will be
9 posted on the Board's website within ten business days
10 pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago. Copies of
11 orders issued by the Superintendent during of previous
12 month are listed in the blue books on the table here and
13 are available on the police department's website.

14 The next item is the Superintendent's
15 report. Is there a motion to waive the oral
16 presentation and receive the monthly report in writing?

17 MS. FRY: So moved.

18 MR. EADDY: Second.

19 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

20 (A chorus of ayes).

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The motion passes.

22 I will now call upon those members of
23 the public who signed up to speak in advance. When your
24 name is called, please step up to the microphone. We

1 ask that you limit your comments to two minutes.

2 Jacob Klippenstein.

3 MR. KLIPPENSTEIN: I'm leaving my comment.

4 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Pardon me?

5 MR. KLIPPENSTEIN: I'm not going to comment.

6 PRESIDENT CARNEY: You're not going to

7 comment? Okay.

8 Makoroba Sow?

9 MS. SOW: My name is Makoroba Sow, first name
10 M-A-K-O-R-O-B-A, last name S-O-W. I'm here with We
11 Charge Genocide. We presented a report to you from the
12 committee against torture. The report was on CPD
13 violence against youth of color. I want to share some
14 of those numbers with you today.

15 About a third of Chicago's population is
16 African American. Still, in 2011 CPD made about 25,000
17 arrests of youths under age 18, and 77 percent were
18 African Americans. In 2012 the CPD made 22,000 arrests
19 of youths under 18, and 79 percent were African American.
20 Black citizens are ten times more likely than white
21 citizens to be shot by a Chicago police officer, and
22 from 2009 to 2011 Taser uses involved black or Latino
23 targets, including 49 youths ages 8 to 16.

24 In the first six months of 2014 alone in

1 Chicago, 27 citizens were shot by police and 23 of them
2 were black. From 2009 to 2013 75 percent of police
3 shooting victims in Chicago were black. Of the 1,500
4 excessive force complaints, only two percent resulted in
5 a penalty of any kind. 41 percent of those were
6 reprimands for violations noted. 31 percent were
7 suspensions between one to five days. Of 10,000 general
8 complaints only two percent resulted in a penalty of any
9 kind, and 36 percent of those were reprimands for
10 violations noted. 50 percent were suspensions between
11 one to five days.

12 We come to you today because as a Police
13 Board you have -- are in charge of rules and regulations
14 of the CPD. You have the power to end the violence
15 against Chicago youth of color. Thank you.

16 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.

17 Francesco Desalvatore?

18 MR. DESALVATORE: Hello. My name is Francesco
19 Desalvatore. I'm also a member of We Charge Genocide,
20 and I have some personal stories to sort of supplement
21 the stats that were just given.

22 This is a story from a 15-year-old young
23 black man. Quote, we're sitting in a house playing
24 video games and we hear banging on the door. Before we

1 know it, the door is kicked down and there's five
2 special ops officers with huge M16s drawn pointed at us,
3 three 15-year-olds playing video games. They tell us to
4 get on the ground. They say if we move they're going to
5 kill us, don't look at me, we'll fucking kill you in a
6 second, pointing their guns at us. Then they don't find
7 anything. They let us all go. They laugh, try to joke
8 with us, apologize, then leave -- and then leave. We're
9 sitting there like what just happened? They tear up the
10 house. They stole money. End quote.

11 Here is another personal story from a
12 22-year-old black man. And so last year I flame up the
13 blunt. I hear the sirens. I come out, put my hands
14 behind my head and get on the ground. Cool, I get on
15 the ground. Then next thing I know I wake up in the
16 back of a police station, and I don't even know what
17 happened to me to be honest with you. That's how bad
18 they beat me. I guarantee you sitting in Cook County
19 Jail with 22 stitches in my tongue, two facial
20 structures, bruised ribs, scrapes all over my body, and
21 I still can't talk right to this day. I can't eat
22 certain things. I almost didn't have no tongue, like it
23 was literally hanging on by a thread. I could feel it,
24 like feel my tongue out my chin. Yeah, stuff like that

1 I shouldn't have done, but at the same time I came out
2 with my hands up, giving myself in. There's no reason
3 to use force like that.

4 These are just two of many stories that
5 are in our young report that was given last week. And
6 to sort of reiterate what was said, it's your job, the
7 Board, to make sure there's a healthy relationship with
8 all communities in Chicago, that cops aren't sort of
9 enacting violence against young people of color. So we
10 ask you of that, to prevent that. Thanks.

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.

12 Crista Noel?

13 MS. NOEL: Good evening, everyone. I haven't
14 seen you in a while. You're looking pretty good.

15 That -- those few young people are
16 people of the community of one that Scott called us, and
17 I just want to let everybody know that we're really
18 trying to start a movement on police violence,
19 especially against people of color. And one of the
20 things that we want to do is to start having monthly
21 meetings. I don't know how we can set that up, but I
22 think that we should start having monthly meetings with
23 the police, Alfonza, where we sit down and have some
24 peace circles and talk about what's going on in the

1 community and try to bridge the gap and help the
2 community, you know, do what it has to do as far as the
3 violence is concerned in the community, as well as the
4 police violence in the community.

5 And with that I want to say that I was
6 driving on the west side yesterday and I had a light out
7 on my car. Now, I had driven all over my city and I
8 came here tonight, and when I was on west side I had a
9 police officer stop me. And instead of just telling me
10 you've got your light out, I don't know if you know that
11 but your light is out on your car, he was very nasty and
12 he gave me a ticket. And I don't mind that. You know,
13 I had -- my light was out. I don't mind that. But as I
14 was driving around the west side, I saw five other
15 officers stopping cars. I have never seen that many
16 officers in a space of about four blocks, car after car
17 after car after car being stopped. You're over-policing
18 the west side.

19 Now, hey, I know things happen, but
20 that's too much. That's too much. You're over-policing
21 the black community or the African American community.
22 It's too much, Alfonza. I know there's stuff going on
23 and you put people where you need to put them, but
24 stopping that many cars within that space and then just

1 not giving warnings? And you know that this is the
2 community that doesn't have the money necessarily to pay
3 these tickets if they go to court. So given warnings
4 for lights out or stuff like that, you need to do that
5 more in that community than any other community.

6 So with that being said, I wanted to say
7 you guys helped a lot with the Lakita Boyd [phonetic]
8 case, and from my heart I thank you very much for that.
9 December 3 we're hoping to have another trial date, and
10 I will keep you abreast of that. But I just wanted to
11 thank you for whatever you did as far as that was
12 concerned, and we'll be talking. I really want to have
13 those monthly meetings, okay? Thanks.

14 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.

15 Robert More?

16 At this time all of those who have
17 signed up in advance to speak have been recognized. Is
18 there a motion to adjourn?

19 MS. FRY: So moved.

20 PRESIDENT CARNEY: We're adjourned.

21 (Meeting adjourned)

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